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Episcopal Palace,
Kingston, 27th Dec., 1867.

Rev. Sir,

I have no doubt but that you will take all the means in your power to carry out the intentions of the Soverign Pontiff, and to afford your people every facility of approaching the Sacraments and gaining the Indulgences granted during the *Triduum*.

To assist you in doing this I have established the following regulations :—

1o. The Pastors of the different Missions will profit of the next meeting of the Ecclesiastical Conference to determine on the time when the *Triduum* will be held in each of their respective Missions, in order that they may assist one another in hearing confessions, &c.

2o. Each priest will make known to his people beforehand at what time the *Triduum* is to take place in his Mission. He will take care also to exhort the people to profit of the holy exercises and explain to them the doctrine of the Church concerning Indulgences and the disposition required to gain them.

3o. The exercises of the *Triduum* are to be performed with as much solemnity as possible. On each of the three days the last mass will be celebrated at the same hour as on Sundays and a sermon preached. Wherever it is feasible there will be an evening service with an Instruction and Solemn Benediction of the Holy Sacrament.

4o. During the *Triduum* the faithful should be exhorted to pray for the spiritual wants of Holy Church and for our beloved Father Pope Pius IX, that *the Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.* (Ps. XL. 3). The *Triduum* will also be a very favourable opportunity to revive the zeal of the people for the Association of the St. Peter's Pence. Within the few last days I have sent to Rome $1175. This is all that has been received for the past three years. With a very little exertion on the part of the Clergy, and more good-will in carrying out what was decreed in my Pastoral Letter of the 11th February, 1862, an amount fully equal might *every* year be sent to alleviate the pressing wants of the Holy Father.

I take this occasion to wish you a very happy New Year with many returns. Recommending myself to your prayers and Holy Sacrifices,

I remain,

Rev. and dear Sir,

Your devoted Servant in Christ,

† E. J., *Bp. of Kingston.*